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REMARKS

Between 17 December 1953 and 9 January 1954, the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne, Saalfeld, was occupied by an estimated 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 300 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Individual soldiers, who presumably were detached for a driving school course held there, wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 4 rocket launchers were being emplaced and changed position in the open terrain between Saalfeld and Schwarza. At about 6 a.m. on 30 December, all windows of the quartering building were lighted. At about 10 a.m., 5 groups, each of about 25 soldiers, drilled in the barracks yard. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 9 January, about 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with 3 light machine guns, submachine guns and carbines engaged in record firing at aiming silhouettes in the training area in the vicinity of the installation. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation.

Comment. The installation appears to be occupied as previously.

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